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Newsletter for members of the Owasippe Staff Assn.

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Words from Bill Schaefer, new Chief of Owaspippe

It's Christmas Day 1994 (not in July), and Santa comes a few hours from now. We went to church last night. Here I sit, with my cup of coffee, thinkin' of you, my fellow staff association members, and your families! I think I'll write you all a nice letter. Here goes....

After a seven years absence, I return to Owaspippe staff! After seventeen consecutive years on OSR staff, I did lots of other things during the summers. But, we always visited OSR, every year. As Ed Kinnerk wrote me lately, "Owaspippe is welcoming home one of her own." This time as summer reservation director.

Owaspippe welcomes home each of her own, and during the coming summer, I'd like you to remember that. Come home to Owaspippe. Spend some time with her. She still loves us, no matter what we ever did to her (ha, ha!).

Right now we are still trying to hire staff in various positions, full time and even, now and then, "part time." Several people have again volunteered a week or more of their time to be commissioners, or to help us at maintenance, or to work on staff training projects, etc. Could you, my fellow OSA member, join us? And/or could you help before summer starts, fixing things, up at camp? Or could you contribute a meaningful project on a single day, or a several hours basis? Every little bit helps.

I find the reservation to be very much the same, and yet

changed in many small ways. Some of the changes, I am convinced, have been for the better. Some of them, I'm not sure of. One of the things that seems to be as alive as ever is that feeling of camaraderie which I so well remember. And that's good. I am currently especially enjoying working with so very many "old timers," especially from the OSA! Some are actually going to be on summer staff too. Isn't that great!!

So... guys and gals... "Come on up!" and visit us. Find me, and I'll buy you a cup o' coffee. (If you're man enough to drink it!)

How many times I have sat at an OSA board of directors meeting, or at an OSA picnic, or at an OSA pizza night, or at an OSA dinner dance, or in a boat with a OSA friends, or hiked with some OSAers, or played at an OSA golf outing, etc., and heard, "If we could only doblah, blah, blah..... at Owaspippe!" Well folks, now is the hour! You got a program idea, or a hare brained scheme, etc.? Call me, Brother Bill, at 312-774-9368, and tell me about it. I promise I won't laugh (too hard). Maybe we can do your idea now! Maybe, together, we can all make Owaspippe an even better place for the scouts and scouters, and yes, also for ourselves and our families! Why not!!

P.S. Pay up your OSA dues, cheap skate! \$10 a year ... what a deal! And get a new member for us.

P.P.S. Which current OSA member buried his sandals in Owaspippe's Mojave Desert in 1970? Call me, and you win a prize!

Steve Schaefer Memorial Fund

Past staff members are aware of the fact that it is often difficult to work at summer camp and attend college in the off season. The Schaefer Memorial Fund has been supplying extra funds to staff members that are also attending college. You could help the current OSR staff members with their college expenses by donating to: The Schaefer Memorial Fund c/o Bill Schaefer 6448 Newark Ave. Chicago, IL. 60631

or call at home
(312) 238-0240
work (708) 474-6212.

OSA On-Line?

Are you On-Line? Are you a computer geek? Is your latest hobby surfing the 'net? Then the OSA is ready to cruise on the information highway. I am looking to form an e-mail list for OSA members to keep members up to date on the latest OSA happenings. If you have an e-mail address either on the Internet or one of the On-line services, let me know. I will be setting up the mailing list and posting news items on a regular basis. You can e-mail me at: 73374.160@compuserve.com or Vince Rychtanek@mmis.comVince.

New Members

The OSA would like to welcome the following new member:

John Nuccio; John worked on aquatics at Camp Blackhawk after completing his CIT year Camp Wolverine. John is working for a Security firm.

At play . . .



Bill and Ron get ready.



Mike takes aim.



Billy slaps one.



Ed hits.



Karen cranks.

with the OSA!



J.J. scores!



Pat poses.



Frank tags 'em out.



Billy vents.



Pat tumbles.



Karen and Denine "Cha-Cha" in the outfield.

Ron Niebert Checks In

Here are the answers to two questions from Tree Talks in the fall issue of OSA Vibrations; 1) There are Small mouth Bass in Lake Wolverine. Jerry Lutz's nephew David caught one when I was with them in July and one of the leaders from the Blue Cap Scout Troop entered one in the Camp Wolverine fishing contest in 1993. 2) Let the enclosed article speak for itself in regards to whether Ron Neibert or Jim Connely is the best fisherman. I say Jim couldn't catch a cold while streaking at the North Pole.

From Crappie World Magazine, Nov./Dec. 94; Catching a fish worth \$10,000 is something most anglers only dream about. Chicago, IL. native Ronald Neibert doesn't have to dream any more. As the 1994 Zebco Big Crappie Roundup Grand Champion, Neibert won \$10,000 for a 3.12-pound crappie he caught from Blue Cypress Lake in east Florida. While vacationing in the Sunshine State, Neibert took advantage of this nationwide competition's unique format, which allows anglers to fish for crappie anywhere, any time.

"I go down to Florida every year just to kind of break the monotony," Neibert said. "I have a friend that owns a bait shop, and he goes down there for two months to do some guiding. The crappie weren't what they've been in past years, but I guess we just hit at the right time."

Neibert earned the \$10,000 top prize by recording a catch that was nearest to the

state's Zebco Heavyweight Standard among the 18 Zebco State Champions.

Several articles have been sent in about Ron's fishing accomplishments including the Woods and Waters section of the Chicago Tribune.

Summer Camp 1995

There are still many job opportunities on the 1995 OSR staff for people of all ages. There are several positions for personnel over the age of 18 and 21. If you are available, or you have a friend that is available contact Bill Schaefer at (312) 774-9368. If you are not available for the whole summer, but can spend a week or more as a volunteer, contact Bill to make arrangements. Please note: BSA policy requires that all volunteers must fill out a staff application.

New Members Needed

Know of any potential OSA members? Send their names, addresses, and phone numbers to

Frank Chlebek
11358 S. Fairfield
Chicago IL, 60655

OSA Promotional Items

Order your OSA items now, and they should be ready at the annual meeting on April 1, 1995. Most items are monogrammed and can be personalized with individual names. Various colors are available and most products range in size from S to XXXL. Most of the items are listed below are available, other items might be available also.

Huggie Can Coolers	\$3
Brass Key Holders	\$6
OSA 15 yr Mug	\$5
Hat	\$10
T-Shirt	\$12
Golf Shirt	\$18
Rugdy Shirt	\$20
Crew Neck Sweatshirt	\$20
Hooded Sweatshirt	\$22
Sweatpants	\$14
Coat	\$45
Golf Towel	\$12
Fanny Pack	\$10
Umbrellas	\$15
Traveling Kit	\$14
Thermal Cooler Bag/S	\$14
Thermal Cooler Bag/L	\$18
Nylon Duffel Bag/S	\$15
Nylon Duffel Bag/M	\$20
Nylon Duffel Bag/L	\$50

To place an order contact:

Mary Kay Posen
(708) 202-0156 or

Chris Finnegan
(708) 257-0611.



THE OWASIPPE STAFF ASSOCIATION

DON'T FORGET!!!

17th ANNUAL MEETING/DINNER

SATURDAY, APRIL 1, 1995

6:00pm-12:00am

DesPlaines Valley VFW Hall

7256 W. 63rd Street

Summit, Il

\$25.00 per person

Questions, Comments, Suggestions?

Call Diane Posen (708)351-0315

or

(312)391-5025

Now Is The Time To Make Your Reservations!!!

Name: _____

attending: _____

Amount enclosed: \$ _____

** Please make checks payable to OWASIPPE STAFF ASSOCIATION!**

Send checks and reservations to: Diane Posen

P.O. Box 234

Medinah, Il 60157

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13th ANNUAL MEETING/DINNER

Mail To:

SATURDAY, APRIL 1, 1983

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Executive VFW Hall

7326 W. 83rd Street

Chicago, IL

PO Box 7097 Westchester, IL 60154

The Owasppe Staff Association

\$12.00 per person

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Call Dave Papp (708) 521-0812

or

Debbie (708) 521-0812

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